

RICHARDSON LAKES

Magalloway Plt., Richardsontown Twp., and Township C, Oxford County U.S.G.S. Metallak Mtn, Maine (7½'), U.S.G.S. Middle Dam, Maine (7½'), U.S.G.S. Oquossoc, Maine (7½'), and U.S.G.S. Richardson Pond, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon
Lake trout (togue)
Brook trout
Rainbow smelt
Yellow perch
Minnows
Lake chub
Golden shiner
Common shiner
Redbelly dace

Finescale dace
Fathead minnow
Creek chub
Fallfish (chub)
Pearl dace
Longnose sucker
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Slimy sculpin
Landlocked alewife

Physical Characteristics

Area - 5100 acres

Temperatures: Surface - 73°F 100 feet - 46°F

Maximum depth - 108 feet

Principal fisheries: Landlocked salmon, lake trout, and brook trout

The Richardson Lakes are located west of Mooselookmeguntic Lake. The major inlet enters the upper east side from Mooselookmeguntic Lake at Upper Dam. Its outlet, the Rapid River, exits the southwest side at Middle Dam and flows west through Pond in the River to Umbagog Lake. The lake's shoreline is mostly undeveloped.

Water quality in the Richardson Lakes is excellent for coldwater gamefish. The spawning and nursery habitat available is insufficient to maintain salmonid population levels high enough to support fisheries. Salmon and brook trout must be stocked periodically to provide fisheries for these species Lake trout stocking has been suspended to avoid establishing a wild population, which could have a serious competitor with salmon for food and space. All three salmonids exhibit good growth in the lake with only light competition for food and space.

The Richardson Lakes are accessible via two public launch sites. The Mill Brook Launch Site is located off Route 16 in Adamstown Township and the South Arm Launch Site is reached from the South Arm Road in Andover. The lakes are open to fishing with no live fish as bait in the summer months and closed to ice fishing. See the lawbook for additional regulations.

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